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SUBJECT:RUMORED CHANGES IN GOP DIPLOMATTC REPRESENTATION

1. ACCORDING TO PHILIPPINE EMBASSY SOURCES, MALACANANG
STAFFER VISITING WASHINGTON LAST WEEK INDICATED THAT:

(A) MRS. MARCOS' BROTHER, GOVERNOR BENJAMIN (KOKOY)
ROMUALDEZ HAS DECIDED THAT HE DOES NOT WANT TO BE GOP
AMBASSADOR TO PRC AND THAT AMBASSADOR NARCISO REYES,
CURRENTLY PHILIPPINE REPRESENTATIVE TO UN, WILL GO IN HIS
STEAD;

(B) FOREIGN SECRETARY CARLOS P. ROMULO WILL THEN TAKE UN
POST;

(C) GOP AMBASSADOR TO U.S. EDUARDO Z. ROMUALDEZ WOULD BE-
COME FOREIGN SECRETARY VICE ROMULO; AND

(D) EITHER DEFENSE SECRETARY JUAN PONCE ENRILE OR UNDER
FOREIGN SECRETARY MANUEAL A. COLLANTES WOULD BE ASSIGNED
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TO WASHINGTON.

THE ABOVE PERSONNEL CHANGES WERE PREDICTED FOR JANUARY.

2. IT NOW APPEARS DEFINITE THAT ROMEO ARGUELLES,
MALACANANG'S MAN IN GOP EMBASSY HERE AND CONCURRENTLY
MAN OF ALL WORK, WILL BE ASSIGNED TO TAKE OVER HOT SPOT
OF PHILIPPINE CONSUL GENERAL IN SAN FRANCISCO, VICE
ALCONCEL.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY EMBASSY VIEWS ON POSSIBILITY
OF CHANGES INDICATED IN PARAGRAPH 1.

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